except on the basis of export obligation of a minimum of 75 per cent of their production Further a small scale unit which is subsidiary of or owned or controlled by a medium or large scale industrial undertaking is not eligible for special concessions and incentives intended for the small scale units. As the small scale units are registered by the concerned Directorate of Industries in the State Governments. the question of considering any action under the provisions of I(D&R) Act would arise only if such cases are specifically brought to the notice of the Central Government.

Assistance in surplus against the select list

1728. SHRI NATHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to administrative lapses his Ministry have taken ten surplus Assistants from the select list;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for sending requisition to the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms for nomination of two more Assistants from out of those selected as a result of the examination held in 1984;

(c) what steps have been taken to withdraw this requisition from the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms; and

(d) by when these ten Assistants are likely to be declared permanent and whether they have been informed in writing by their parent departments/Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms or by his Ministry that they were being appointed against the select list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) 9 Select List Assistants have been taken on their nomination by Deptt. of Personnel and Training under the zoning scheme against long term vacancies available in the Ministry of Petroleum.

(b) and (c) The two vacancies of Assistants were notified to the Deptt. of Personnel & Training for direct recruits for 1984 Examination on the basis of quota fixed for DR Assistants. As such the question of withdrawing the requisition does not arise.

(d) Action has already been initiated for converting two temporary posts of Assistants into permanent ones. Possibilities would be explored to convert more such temporary posts of Assistants into permanent posts as become due so as to adjust the Select List Assistants against them. It is proposed to request the Department of Personnel and Training to reallot such of the Assistants who cannot be adjusted against permanent vacancies to some other cadres.

The nine Assistants were given offer in writing by their parent Departments for posting against Select List in other cadres.

L.P.G. agency in Karwar

1729. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no LPG agency in Karwar in North Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether people from Karwar and the adjoining areas are facing tremendous hardships due to absence of LPG facility in Karwar; and

(d) what immediate steps are proposed to be taken to mitigate the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) LPG facility is being extended to new towns in a phased manner, keeping in view the economic viability of a dealership, availability of LPG bottling capacity and infrastructur facilities. Two LPG

distributorships are being set up in Karwar.

Closure of Amjhore Project of PPCL

1730. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Amjore Project of P.P.C L. has been recommended for closure for want of market for its products;

(b) whether it is a fact that an agreement was signed by Sindri Fertilizer plant for the purchase of the produce of P.P.C.L.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Sindri Fertilizer plant instead of buying PPCL's product resorted to imports of sulphuric acid virtually making the agreement defunct; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Exploitation of pyrites at Amjhore was initially started mainly to cater to the requirements of the sulphuric acid plant at Sindri unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. Due to technological and design deficiencies this sulphuric acid plant could not sustain operation and achieve its rated capacity. Hence, it had to be closed down. Correspondingly, the production of acid grade pyrites at Amjhore by Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Limited (PPCL) has also been stopped since November, 1982 and only a limited quantity of Agricultural grade pyrites are being produced.

(b) No formal agreement was signed between PPCL and Sindri unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. FCI has reported that their Sindri unit has not imported any quantity of sulphuric acid, but only a small quantity of sulphuric acid was procured indigenously for testing the performance of phosphoric acid and TSP plants of Sindri unit.

Guidelines issued to States for implementing Industrial Programmes

1731. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have issued guidelines to the States for the implementation of industrial programmes in backward areas of the country;

(b) what are these guidelines;

(c) when these guidelines were issued; and

(d) what are the changes if any, considered necessary in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Guidelines are given in the Press Note No. 4|1|81-BAD (Vol. III) dated 27-4-83 read with Press Notes No. 4|1|81-BAD (Vol. III) dated 7-9-83 and No. 14|1|83-DBA-I dated 9-4-85; and booklet on "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas"; copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) An Inter-Ministerial Committee has been formed to review and revise the Central Incentive Scheme. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st December, 1985.